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## Under Secretary Of Transportation Addresses Graduates

The Honorable Everett Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Transportation, told 185 new Coast Guard Ensigns at Officer Candidate School graduation at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia that the Coast Guard is a vital part of the government's newest department. The graduation ceremony was held on 12 June 1967. He stated that, "In the Department of Transportation, we consider it an honor to have the Coast Guard as part—a very vital part—of our organization. The Coast Guard is a military service with a humane peacetime mission. It is a service whose members must have proficiency not only in the arts of war but also those of peace."

Under the Department of Transportation, the Under Secretary said, the Coast Guard's duties will be expanded.

"This class is the first to receive commissions since the establishment of the Department of Transportation. I realize that events of the past several months represent a break with a 176-year-old association with the Treasury Department.

"This is the first time in the long history of your service that you will be serving under a new Department. This development may have caused a certain misgiving, but I can assure you that the part played by the Coast Guard in the Department of Transportation will not be diminished—it will be expanded."

Mr. Hutchinson also noted that the Transportation Department will take full advantage of all aspects of the Coast Guard's maritime safety program.

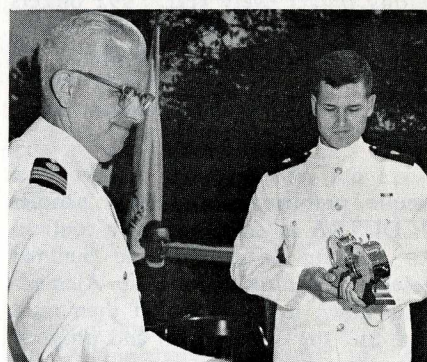
"The missions of the Coast Guard—search and rescue, icebreaking services, and merchant marine safety—all contribute to the safety of maritime commerce. Many aspects of Coast Guard operations involve cooperation with other agencies in the new Department as well as outside the Department.

"Under the direction of our able and dedicated Secretary of Transportation, Alan Boyd, we shall promote improved safety not only in the maritime field but also on land and in the air," Mr. Hutchinson said.

The new officers were handed their commissions by Admiral Willard J. Smith, Commandant of the Coast Guard.

The top award of the day—the Commanding Officer's Award—was presented to Stephen E. Wilson of Roanoke, Virginia. The award, a sword, presented by then Captain Orvan R. Smeder, Commanding Officer of the Reserve Training Center, went to the outstanding officer candidate of the class, selected on the basis of academic performance, leadership and conduct. Ensign Wilson has been assigned to the USCGC TANAGER, Yorktown, Virginia.

Ensign Stephen P. Hospodar of Independence, Ohio, received the award for



*ENS Stephen P. Hospodar admires the clock barometer presented to him by CDR Willard Sanderson for demonstrating the most academic improvement.*

demonstrating the most academic improvement. A clock barometer was presented by Commander Willard Sanderson, USCGR, President of the Coast Guard Washington, D. C., Chapter of ROA (sponsor of the award). Ensign Hospodar has been assigned to Group Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, after completion of Port Security School at the Reserve Training Center.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Award, a pair of binoculars, was presented to James E. Spofford. This award is given to the officer candidate attaining the highest proficiency in seamanship, damage control and gunnery. Ensign Spofford also received the Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association Award, a wrist watch, for having the highest overall academic average, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Award, a sword given to the officer candidate attaining the highest academic average in navigation.



# Reservists Train At Alameda

Alameda is booming! Phase training requires attendance at a service school every two or three years and school for West Coast Reservists means Alameda. The full name is really the Western Districts Summer Reserve Training School, but it's plain "Alameda" to most Reservists.

This is the fourth year it has operated at Alameda as a unified West Coast school. It was organized as a joint venture of the Western Districts in order to eliminate the duplication of effort involved in separate district programs and to provide specialized schools and better advanced training.

Alameda is a big operation, and is getting bigger every year. 992 officers and enlisted men were trained during 1966. This year, there are quotas for 1423 officers and men, and it would appear that most of the quotas are being filled.

It's not only big, but it also faces unique problems. Yorktown handles ACDUTRA as one phase of a continuous training program. The Summer Reserve Training School at Alameda shuts down in the fall and then must "fire up" the organization and program when June comes around.

Four two-week cycles were planned for this summer's program, but plans have a way of going astray. Elimination of the Coastal Force program meant that many other men needed billets, so an extra cycle was added. The first Reservists arrived with many of the staff on 18 June, and training will run through 25 August.

Western Districts Summer Reserve Training School is a part of the United States Coast Guard Training Center, Alameda, California, and its interested and capable Commanding Officer is Captain H. P. Kniskern, USCG. The Director of the school is Captain C. J. Hanks, USCGR, of San Luis Obispo. Last year, Captain Hanks was awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for his many services to the Reserve. He has headed programs at Alameda since 1959, and has been Director of the Western Districts Summer Reserve Training School since its inception.

The training program itself encompasses an extensive officer training program, a variety of officer/enlisted courses in specialized areas, and both basic and advanced phases in the various rate training areas.

The officer program includes phased classes in Merchant Marine Safety for senior officers and a Reserve Officer Basic Indoctrination for the direct commissioned officers. The members of ORTU's are assisted through courses in Officer Leadership and special courses for the Prospective CO/XO and Training Officer. A Deck Watch Officer course is being offered this year for the first time. Many officers with instructional assignments in deck areas have not had the opportunity to serve at sea, and this course is designed to meet their needs as well as providing a general refresher for the officer with seagoing experience.

Special areas need special attention in a training program, and these needs are met through the combined officer/enlisted courses. These include a Captain of the Port School, culminating in a twenty-four hour operational exercise; a Dangerous Cargo School that works with the "real stuff" at Port Chicago; a Range Officer School to staff the units with small arms experts; and an outstanding Instructor Training program.

Basic enlisted courses are provided in fourteen separate ratings. Five advanced courses provide practical factors training and stress specific areas such as boat handling for the Boatswain's Mates; Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare (NBC) for the Port Securitymen; and a new Quartermaster cycle stresses signaling and celestial navigation. A stimulating and traditionally successful Petty Officer Leadership School rounds out the enlisted program.

The objective of the school is unchanged. It is to provide the best possible training for Reservists in order that the fundamental goal of readiness can be achieved. The addition of new equipment and facilities has opened new possibilities for training and for improvement in present programs. Alameda has gradually acquired the small boats, shops, and other physical facilities necessary for a better program. The enlisted trainees have particularly appreciated the new galley-mess that has just been completed. Aside from the growth and scope of the program, perhaps the most significant development in recent years has been the acquisition of a staff dedicated to making the program measure up to the objective—the best possible training for Reservists.



*Reservists decontaminate an anchor as part of their nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare training.*

## A REMINDER

All personnel should remember the importance of correspondence courses. Direct commissioned officers wanting to retain their commissioned status and enlisted men desiring advancement in rating are reminded especially.

Under the requirements stated in Section 5-11-8 of the Reserve Administrative Manual, CG-296, direct commissioned officers have been removed from drill pay status because they did not complete the required correspondence courses. Paragraph B of that section indicates that at the discretion of the district commander, officers who were in arrears had until 1 July 1967 to complete all course requirements. On that date, those officers who had not completed the requirements were removed from pay status. On 1 July 1968, those officers who have still not completed the requirements will be referred to a Reserve Screening Board by the district commander to determine if they should be allowed to retain their commissions.

Commanding officers of ORTU's with direct commissioned officers are reminded of their responsibility to monitor and report on (by the fitness report method) the progress of direct commissioned officers in the completion of correspondence course requirements.





## THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER

The undersigned attended the Hearings of the Sub-Committee on Appropriations in the House of Representatives on 31 May and 1 June 1967, and testified as the Commandant's representative for the Coast Guard Reserve program. Members of the Committee asked a number of important questions. They were interested in the missions assigned to the Reserve, my assessment of the readiness of the Reserve to perform these missions, our recruitment programs, the number of officers and men in a drill pay status, the kind and quality of the training provided, and the impact of the merger of the Reserve Training and Coast Guard Operating Expense Appropriations.

In my answers to the questions, I stressed the need for improvements in some areas of training and our efforts toward this, my strong belief in the loyalty and dedication of Reserve officers and men, and my appreciation of their collective abilities in improving their facilities and equipment at a most reasonable cost.

With regard to the merger of appropriations, the Committee showed evident concern that Reserve funds could be used for other purposes. I acknowledged the possibility, but pointed out that in the few months since the merger plans had been made, the Coast Guard Reserve had acquired a substantial amount of assistance from the Regular service in the areas of supplies, services and facilities at no cost to the Reserve appropriation.

The big three of the Coast Guard—Admiral W. J. Smith, Commandant, Vice Admiral Paul E. Trimble, Assistant Commandant, and Rear Admiral Mark Whalen, Chief of Staff, are well aware of the Coast Guard Reserve's needs and importance. They have been definite in emphasizing that the Coast Guard Reserve is one of the seven major missions of the Coast Guard. As long as the officers and men of the Reserve perform as they have in the past, I expect continuing and increasing support for our program.

R. R. WAESCHE

## DETROIT UNIT PROMOTES TWO

The Detroit Coast Guard Reserve Unit, ORTUAG 09-83619, took great pleasure recently in the promotion of two of its members to the grade of Warrant Officer. Former Chief Engineman James L. Jones was promoted to Warrant Machinist, and former Chief Hospital Corpsman Jeffery L. Cogborn made Warrant Pharmacist. These were the first men in the Detroit area in ten years to achieve this distinction.

Mr. Jones enlisted in the regular Coast Guard in 1954 and was honorably discharged as Engineman Second Class in 1958. He immediately shipped over in the Reserve and was advanced to Chief Engineman in 1964. While on active duty, he served aboard ship, lifeboat stations and lightships along the east coast of the United States.

Mr. Cogborn originally enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1948 and was sent to Korea in 1950 where he was attached to the First Marine Division at the Inchon Basin. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his organization of litter bearing parties which greatly facilitated the evacuation of battle casualties. He was honorably discharged as Corpsman, Second Class in 1953. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in 1960.



*Warrant Machinist James L. Jones (at left) and Warrant Pharmacist Jeffery L. Cogborn (at right) offer mutual congratulations on their recent promotions. Looking on and also offering his best wishes is their commanding officer, LCDR Herbert L. Crane.*

## Coastal Force Program Terminated

On 30 June 1967, the Reserve Coastal Force training program was terminated. The phasing-out of the Coastal Force included the reallocation of personnel. Normal advancement procedures for Coastal Forcemen remained in effect until 30 June 1967. Coastal Forcemen who were formerly E-4 to E-7 in another specialty were administratively changed to their former rating at the pay grade held on 30 June 1967. All other E-4 through E-7 personnel were administratively changed to Port Securitymen at the pay grade held on 30 June 1967. E-3 Coastal Forceman trainees who had graduated from the Coastal Forceman Class "A" School, but had not been advanced prior to 30 June 1967 will be advanced to PS3 when they complete

the requirements of Section 6-3-13B of the Administrative Manual for the Coast Guard Reserve. Those who are not advanced within one year of graduation will be required to successfully compete in the Port Security service-wide examination to advance to E-4. All former rated Coastal Forcemen and all graduates of Coastal Forceman Class "A" School were assigned Coastal Force special skill indicators on 30 June 1967.

The phasing-out of the program resulted in the disestablishment or conversion of six ORTUF's. The Coastal Force unit in Boston, Massachusetts (ORTUF 01-88501) has been disestablished, and its personnel reassigned to Reserve training units in the Boston area. The units in Chincoteague, Virginia (ORTUF 05-88555); San Bernardino, California (ORTUF 11-88590); and Bakersfield, California (ORTUF 11-88587) have been converted to ORTUPS—Organized Reserve Training Units, Port Security. The two remaining units in Durham, North Carolina (ORTUF 05-88554) and in Santa Barbara, California (ORTUF 11-88589) will be converted to a new type of rate training unit in the near future.



## Captain Kincaid Assumes Command Of Yorktown

Captain James W. Kincaid has relieved Captain Orvan R. Smeder as the commanding officer of the Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. The change of command ceremony was held at Yorktown on 16 June 1967. Among those present for the occasion were Read Admiral R. R. Waesche, Chief, Office of Reserve and Rear Admiral C. P. Murphy, Chief, Office of Merchant Marine Safety.

Captain Kincaid assumed command of the Reserve Training Center with an impressive record of past Coast Guard service. He received his commission as Ensign on 19 May 1941 from the Coast Guard Academy, and thereafter served aboard the Coast Guard Cutter GALATEA.

From September 1942 until May 1943, he received flight training at the Grosse Isle and Pensacola Naval Air Stations. For the next year, Captain Kincaid served as an aviator at the Brooklyn and Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Stations. While at Coast Guard Headquarters, he was the Personal Aide and Pilot for the Secretary of The Treasury from August 1944 to October 1945.

He next commanded the Coast Guard Air Station at Traverse City, Michigan until May 1947 when he reported to Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois for Aeronautical Engineering Training. From March 1948 until September 1950, he served as Engineering Officer at the Miami Air Station and was then assigned as an aviator at the San Francisco Air Station for two years.

After commanding the Midway Islands Air Detachment and serving as Executive Officer at the Brooklyn Air Station, Captain Kincaid had a tour of duty as Executive Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM.

When he reported to the Fifth Coast Guard District Office in Norfolk, Virginia, in May 1957, he was assigned as Chief of Intelligence and Law Enforcement. From June 1960 to July 1962, he commanded the cutter BARATARIA, based at Portland, Maine.

He assumed the duties of Chief, Personnel Division of the First Coast Guard District in the summer of 1962 and served in that capacity until July 1965. At that time, he came to Coast Guard Headquarters and was assigned



*CAPT O. R. Smeder (r) offers congratulations to CAPT J. W. Kincaid, the new commanding officer of the Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia.*

## Reserve Training Vessels Redeployed

With the deployment of some Coast Guard high endurance cutters to Viet Nam, Reserve training cruises on the East Coast except those performed by Reserve training vessels, have been suspended. Consequently, the CGC TANGAGER has been redeployed to provide two-week active duty for training cruises on the East Coast which would normally be provided by high endurance cutters. The CGC COURIER will be employed in training port security personnel on two-weeks active duty for training on the East Coast, Gulf Coast, and Great Lakes. The CGC UNIMAK will be used to provide concentrated, phased training for Reserve personnel on initial active duty for training. The CGC LAMAR will provide similar training on the West Coast. The CGC DEXTER has been redeployed to the high endurance cutter fleet of the 12th district.

In keeping with the revised policy concerning employment of high endurance cutters, Reserve training vessels will be scheduled to be away from homeport for 210 days annually to perform their missions.

as Chief, Personnel Services Division. He remained at Headquarters until his present assignment to Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia.

Captain Kincaid is married to the former Claire A. Peterson of Westfield, New Jersey. They have two daughters, Patricia and Joanne.

## Reservists Receive Checks From Their CO

Commanding Officers of Coast Guard Reserve Training Units are now responsible for the delivery of drill pay checks to Reservists under their command. Under the provisions of Commandant Instruction 7430.2, which became effective 1 July 1967, the pay earned by Reserve members for the performance of inactive duty training is computed and paid centrally. The pay checks are now issued by the Regional Disbursing Office, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and are mailed monthly to unit commanding officers for distribution. Previously, checks were mailed quarterly by the District Commander to the Reservists' home address.

## RACINE UNIT CHANGES COMMAND

CDR Clarence D. Sheldon led the personnel inspection for the last time on 11 June 1967 when he turned over the command of the Racine, Wisconsin Coast Guard Reserve Vessel Augmentation to LCDR Frank Jones. CDR Sheldon had been the commanding officer of the unit for three years. LCDR Jones is the manager of materials and purchasing for the Union Carbide Corporation at Whiting, Indiana. Before being assigned to the Racine unit, he was a member of the Chicago and Gary Coast Guard Reserve Units. The change of command ceremonies were conducted by CAPT Sidney Hay, Chief of the Ninth Coast Guard District's Reserve Division.

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